

HAIR SEAL CLEVER BEAST

Canadian Government Will Try To Exterminate Them.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 8.—Be- sides being the greatest enemy to salmon in the great Canadian fisheries in the Fraser river and Gulf of Georgia, the hair seal is a clever beast.

And that is why the government is planning a strategic coup to bring to a climax its long war of extermination against the destroyers. And because the tricky seals have outwitted the fisheries agents on other occasions, the govern-

ment is not going to let the seals hear an inkling of the plan until it is all ready for "pulling" it.

For years these seals have defied all efforts at their extinction. When the tide is out, thousands of them may be seen sunning themselves on the sand near the railroad terminals here. They raid the nets of the fishermen, rob them of their fish and tear great holes in the nets, through which the imprisoned salmon escape. They even trail in the wake of the fishing-boats and steal the fish right off the lines.

NOTE A DEFTY

TO ENTENTE

R. J. Kerner Discusses Colby's Message In The New York Times.

ASK FOR THEIR POLICY
Defense of the Integrity of the Russian Empire, He Says.

The following article was written by request for the New York Sunday Times by Robert J. Kerner, associate professor of history in the University.

Although addressed to Italy, the Colby note on the Russian-Polish situation, issued Aug. 10, was drawn up for a much larger audience. It will be read with great care in the Foreign Offices of Great Britain and France, and with still greater care by those of Japan and the Bolsheviks.

It requires no very industrious reading between the lines to note that the integrity of the Russian Empire (with the exception of Poland and Finland) is being defended against Russia's former friends, as it was defended in 1917 and 1918 against Russia's avowed enemies, the Germans, the Magyars and the Turks. The integrity of Poland with its ethnographic limits is to be upheld with "all available means."

It is an open challenge to the powers of the Entente to announce to the world that their policy is based upon the preservation of the Russian Empire.

The vague and ugly rumors about British interests and policy in the Baltic regions, in the Caucasus, and along the Central Asian frontier, about the "ultimate" relations of France with the Ukraine and about Japanese policy in Eastern Siberia—all these may now be cleared by the Government concerned by the publication of authentic documents showing conclusively their "disinterestedness" after the German collapse in the Fall of 1918. Will the powers accept the challenge?

The following passage cited from the Japan Weekly Chronicle of April 15 last is not merely irony:

"What could be more simple than to use the Maritime Province (Eastern Siberia) or perhaps all Transbaikalia in the same way as the Allies used the Balkan States? And what better precedent could there be than the Allies have provided? It will be easy to discover that Transbaikalia is really desperately eager for independence and depends on Japan's support for getting it."

Hostile critics of the so-called "zones of action," which appear to have been agreed on between the Allies for intervention in Russia in 1919, look upon them as the basis of contemplated partition, if not actual partition itself. The friends of these arrangements see in them little beyond the necessary division of labor for the military. Whichever the truth may be, it is on just such rumors and suspicions as these that three-fourths of the policy in regard to Russia on the part of the friends and foes has been based. Can the Russian question be drawn out of such a condition into one in which there will be light?

It is the plain implication of the note that were the Bolsheviks in due form to recognize the debts of the Russian Empire and thus make peace with the Entente, the Russian Empire would be left in a much worse condition than after Brest-Litovsk and its supplementary agreement. It implies that the Bolsheviks would be willing to squander the heritage of a great people and sign any terms without any regard for their blinding character.

In a word President Wilson by this note, aims to take the problems of the Russian Empire out of hands of shrewd politicians whose spirit is that of veiled imperialism and commercialism and to place it among the great moral problems of the age. To him the important thing is that it will not be a shady bargain between Bolsheviks and others—which he undoubtedly believes would be only ephemeral—but a matter of ultimate justice and the happiness of the Russian people.

From the point of view of internal politics the note draws equally sharp distinctions. It is a counterblast to radicals everywhere who would abandon the route of social reform for the so-called "economic democracy" through the Czarism of a self-appointed group of bourgeois origin. They are to choose between these two—between a democracy controlled by an insignificant minority.

The note attempts to distinguish between the Bolsheviks and such governments as may be chosen by the free will of the people of Russia. It states that it does not oppose "any particular" political or social structure which the Russian people themselves may see fit to embrace. Apparently this might be a soviet Constitution or a monarchical Constitution—as long as the vast masses of the Russian people did the choosing and not the present Bolshevik leaders. The note would have been more accurate if it had not used the words "Soviet Regime" interchangeably for "Bolshevik Regime." The two are not the same. There are many in Russia who favor the Soviets as originally conceived and who violently execrate the Bolsheviks for having perverted them and made them docile instruments of their will.

DR. E. B. BRANSON HAS MALARIA
Was Taken Ill Suddenly in Classroom Yesterday Morning.

Dr. E. B. Branson, head of the department of geology and geography, was taken ill suddenly in his classroom Tuesday, and forced to turn the class over to Dr. M. G. Mehl.

According to Dr. J. E. Thornton, Doctor Branson's illness is an attack of malaria. Doctor Branson will probably be able to meet his classes the latter part of this week.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Trombonists and baritone players are wanted for the University Band. The band has a complete instrumentation but is in need of a few more players for the trombone and baritone sections. Candidates should see George Venable, director of the University Band any day at 4 o'clock or by appointment.

Dean Walter Miller will address the first meeting of the Menorah Society this year. Prof. J. E. Wrench will also speak. The meeting will be held in Room A, Y.M.C.A. Building at 8 o'clock Friday evening and will be open to the public.

Dr. M. G. Mehl has returned to Columbia from Chicago, where he has been giving special lectures in geology and paleontology at the University of Chicago this summer. He will take up his work as assistant professor in geology here at once.

Miss Pauline Holloway, a graduate of the University in 1918, is teaching English in the high school at New Market, Ia. Miss Holloway taught in Booneville High School last year.

The Board of Directors of the Y. M. C. A. have decided to give a banquet Monday evening for foreign students. Plans were also made for a reception to be given for the deans and a social for the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. No definite dates have been set for the latter two functions.

VOCATIONAL WORKER HERE

Miss M. E. Anderson to Assist in Federal Board Work.

The Federal Board for Vocational Education of District No. 9 has sent Miss M. E. Anderson to assist in the work of the Federal Board students. New furniture and equipment for the office is being sent from St. Louis. All of this work in the university for short and long course students has been turned over to Theodore Sexauer.

Dr. G. S. Dodds Visiting Here.
Dr. G. S. Dodds, formerly of the department of biology of the University, is visiting with Dr. W. C. Curtis, 208 Hicks

avenue, before returning to his duties as a member of the faculty of the School of Medicine of the University of West Virginia at Morgantown.

Babe Ruth Is Not Injured.

By United Press.
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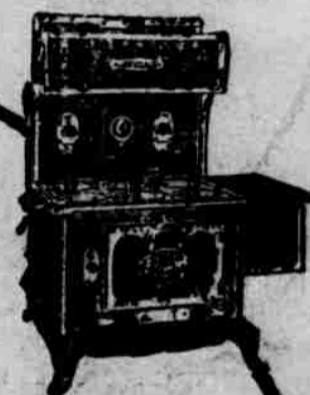
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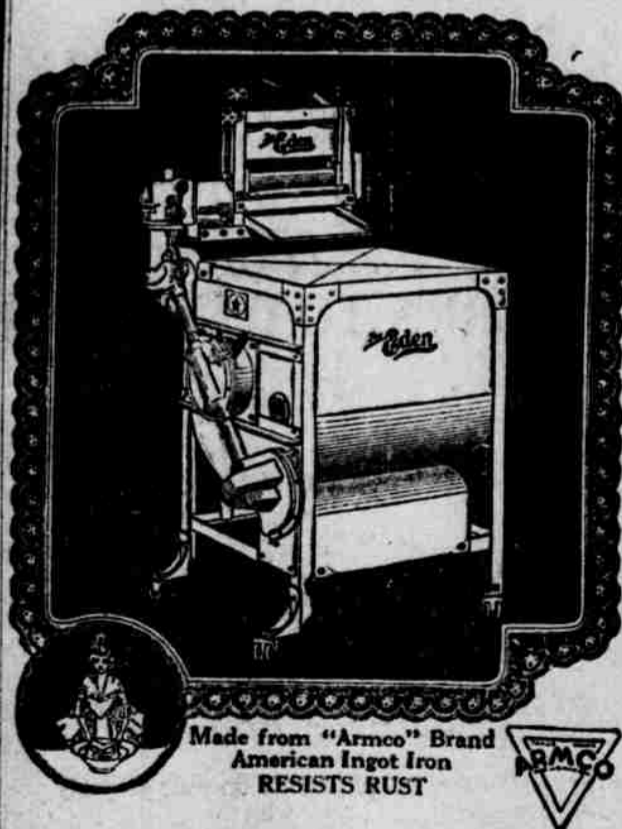
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